Sir

Advice having been received of the Arrival at Newyork of Mr. Marshall, one of the Envoys ~~of traordinary~~ of the United States to the French Republic and of his being shortly to be expected in this City, it is the Wish of several respectable Citizens as well as mine that the Bells of the Christ Church Steeple might be rung on the day of his Arrival - I therefore take the Liberty to request You may be pleased to cause or permit the Bells to be rung on that Day

I am very respectfully

Sir

Your

very humble Servant

Philadelphia
19th June 1798.

Hilary Baker
Mayor

Thomas Cumpston Esquire
One of the Churchwardens
of Christ & St. Peters Churches

Hilary Baker
19 June 1798

Gentlemen —

Captain Decatur having captured and brought in to Port a French Privateer which a few days since captured the American Ship Liberty, Captain Vredenberg, on our Coast, it is the Wish of several of our Fellow-Citizens that this first Victory of the American Navy should be announced to the Citizens to morrow by the ringing of the Bells of Christ Church — In Compliance with their Wishes and my own I take the Liberty to request You may be pleased to cause or permit the Bells to be rung. —

I am with Respect

Phila.a 8th July 1798 — Gentlemen

Your

most obedient Servant

Hilary Baker

Mayor

The Churchwardens & Vestrymen
of Christ & St. Peters Churches
Philadelphia

Hilary Baker
to the Vestrymen

Mayor's Office Nov.r 10th 1789

Permission is hereby given to have the Church
bells of the City of Philad.a Rung this day, on
account of the arrival of General Washington

Robert Wharton

Mayor

Mayor's Office Nov. 23. 1798

My full consent is given to have the Hall of this City
open on the arrival of the President of the United States

Robert Walton
Mayor

Box 17 A